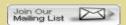




## The Partner Connection

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#### October 2012



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SSBCI Generates \$12.5 Million in Private Financing in Six Months:
Since March 2012 Georgia's SSBCI (State Small Business Credit Initiative) has channeled \$2,544,669 in federal funds to Georgia small businesses, leveraging an additional \$12.5 million in private financing statewide.

The Georgia SSBCI, funded by \$47,808,507 through the Department of the Treasury, administers three small business lending programs in Georgia:

- Georgia Funding for CDFIs, a loan participation program for underserved markets
- SBCG, a hybrid loan guarantee/risk reserve pool program

#### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### **Commissioner Beatty Receives CARE Award**



L-R: Dan Menefee, Boys and Girls Club of Chattahoochee Valley; Commissioner Beatty; Joyce Stevens, DCA Board member; Duane Hinshaw, Boys and Girls Clubs of America

Joyce Stevens, DCA Board member from the Seventh Congressional District, and member of the State Housing Trust Fund Commission, presented Commissioner Beatty the 2012 CARE (Children Are the Reason for Excellence) Award at the Alliance and Regional Council of Boys & Girls Clubs awards luncheon. The Alliance and Regional Council of Boys and Girls Clubs of Georgia present this annual award to an individual, donor, or corporation to recognize outstanding efforts that impact the lives of children who need us most. Over the years, each recipient has made a significant difference for Boys & Girls Clubs across the State of Georgia.

Commissioner Beatty, through Georgia's <u>Community Development</u> <u>Block Grant Program</u>, has played a pivotal role in providing the seed capital to leverage private funds for the construction of Boys & Girls Clubs facilities in Georgia communities. CDBG funds can be used to construct publically-owned facilities in low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods. "I'm honored by this award," commented Commissioner

 GCAP (Georgia Capital Access Program), a portfolio insurance program.

The Georgia Funding for CDFIs program has made loans to twelve small businesses, leveraging additional private financing of \$11.3 million. The Georgia Small Business Credit Guarantee (SBCG) has used \$80,000 for loan guarantees for seven small business loans, leveraging \$1.5 million in additional private financing.

As the SSBCI program administrator for the State of Georgia, the Department is committed to using the \$47.8 million from the US Treasury to help small businesses with their financial needs, and doing so by December 2016.

For more information about SSBCI, please contact Holly Hunt atholly.hunt@dca.ga.gov.



All local governments and agencies administering public benefits in Georgia are required by law to submit an annual report of the public benefits they administer and note each public benefit for which **SAVE** authorization for verification has not been received. The Department of Community Affairs will provide a list of all agencies, organizations and governments that have duly reported to the Governor's office on November 10, 2012, to close out the 2011 reporting period.

As a result of the recent Attorney General clarification on the official reporting period for Public Benefits Reporting, the Department invites all governments and agencies to enter the Public Benefits Reporting System and complete reports for 2011, to ensure compliance for the twelve month period of December 1, 2010, through Beatty, "but more importantly, I'm proud of the partnerships between communities and the Boys and Girls Clubs; working together to improve the lives of children in Georgia, and I'm proud of the Department's role in helping to fund these projects."

# Homebuilders' Association of Georgia Honors Office of Codes and Research Director Ted Miltiades



Ted Miltiades receives the Presidential Award from Jan Royals, Comptroller and Scholarship Coordinator for Homebuilders' Association of Georgia

Ted Miltiades, Director of <u>Constructions Codes and Research</u>, was awarded the <u>Home Builders Association of Georgia</u> (HBAG) 2012 Presidential Award for his service to the State of Georgia's Construction Codes Program. Recipients of the Presidential Award are chosen by the Home Builders Association of Georgia Senior Officers in appreciation of their outstanding leadership and service to the building industry. "Ted has worked hard to gain the trust and respect of Georgia's Homebuilders," said Commissioner Mike Beatty. "He has involved them in every decision we make regarding codes and building safety, and has sought their advice and input to make sure that Georgia's families, businesses and communities are all considered in those decisions." Congratulations, Ted!

## **Great Promise Partnership Leadership Adventure Weekend**



L-R: Shemone Thomas, Lori Bodine, Elmer Arazia, Saralyn Stafford, Hilda Smith, Asia Parnell, Arthur Simmons, Commissioner Beatty and Logan Sorrow.

November 30, 2011.

The system will be open until November 1, 2012, for the 2011 reporting period. To register and/or complete a 2011 Report, click <u>HERE</u>.

The Department, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, ACCG, GMA and the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions, will host a series of workshops on the reporting requirements for E-Verify and SAVE during the month of November. Check this page for details next week!

Twenty GPP students from the <a href="12">12 for Life Workplace</a> program attended the Leadership Adventure Weekend at the <a href="Rock Eagle 4-">Rock Eagle 4-</a> <a href="H Center">H Center</a> in Putnam County. In addition to the DCA team pictured here, students from Southwire Corporation, the Technical College System of Georgia, and Atlanta City Hall were able to participate in this weekend leadership camp, working on goal setting, leadership skills and enjoying the great outdoors. Students participated in canoeing, ropes courses, and other teambuilding exercises.

#### **DCA Board Visits Macon**



The Board of Directors held its September meeting in Macon, and toured Department-funded housing developments, Opportunity Zones, and CDBG projects either completed or underway in the community. Pictured are Board and staff members visiting the <u>First Neighborhood</u> development (bottom photo) and the <u>Dannenberg Building</u> project (top photo) in downtown Macon. Board Chair Carolyn Crayton arranged the visit.



### Georgia Grown - November 8-9 in Macon

The Department of Agriculture is hosting

a two-day symposium, <u>Growing Your</u> <u>Business through Georgia Grown</u>.

Topics include the production, distribution and the consumer side of food products. Participants can choose workshops that fit their needs, ranging from finance, food safety, contracts and licensing, regulations, economic development and agritourism with workshops led by experts. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information and to register.



UPCOMING DEADLINES, EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES

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Georgia citizens need quick and easy access to affordable housing options and we can help! Whether you are searching by price, number of bedrooms, or even proximity to work, school or transportation, finding a home that meets your needs is easier with GeorgiaHousingSearch.org.

Landlords can register in a five-minute process or work with DCA staff to register large-scale listings. For more information, please contact Ron Pounds at 404-327-6864 or ron.pounds@dca.ga.gov.

GeorgiaHousingSearch.org is the key to linking tenants with landlords. We offer FREE property posting, bilingual assistance, and a toll-free number (877-428-8844) available to those without internet access.

Scarecrow Invasion!



The winner of the Ellijay Scarecrow Invasion this year! Fall is a great time to visit the Georgia Mountains.

The Department will provide information on how to apply for HomeSafe Georgia's mortgage assistance program (including the program's eligibility requirements) in October and November at the following locations:



October 22-24: Resource Event - Dalton Trade Center: 1-8 PM daily

October 23: Lanier Technical College Resource Fair, Oakwood Campus: 10:00 - Noon

October 23: Peace Baptist Church 1399 Austin Drive, Decatur: 7 PM

**October 23**: College Park Ward 1, 2712 Main Street, Public Safety Building: 6:30 PM

October 25: Military/ Diversity Educational and Resource Fair, Holiday Inn Atlanta/Roswell: 10 AM - 2 PM

**November 8**: Telfair County Career Fair, Telfair Recreation Department: 1- 6 PM

**November 14**: Heart of Georgia Veterans Career Expo, Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, 1826 Veterans Blvd., Dublin; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed may be eligible for temporary mortgage payment assistance. Churches, clubs and community organizations are encouraged to inform others about the events and to help those without internet access to apply for these funds. For more information, please visit www.HomeSafeGeorgia.com.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING**

#### **September Awards**

#### Region Two

Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority

- \$200,000 in EDGE funds
- Creates 100 jobs
- Retains 140 jobs
- \$22 MM in private investment
- Assists in the expansion of a manufacturing facility in Hall County

#### **Region Three**

Development Authority of Rockdale County

- \$250,000 in REBA funds
- Creates 120 jobs
- \$20 MM in private investment
- Assists in the location of a manufacturing facility in Rockdale County

#### **Region Six**

Development Authority of Jeffersonville and Twiggs County

• \$500,000 in EDGE funds



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- Creates 250 jobs
- Retains 600 jobs
- \$44 MM in private investment
- Assists with the expansion of a distribution facility

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners

- \$500,000 in CDBG funds
- Creates 250 jobs (same as above)
- \$1.5 MM in public (non-DCA) investment
- Twiggs County will make sewage system improvements to facilitate distribution facility expansion

#### **Region Seven**

Warren County Board of Commissioners

- \$298,710 in CDBG funds
- Creates 20 jobs
- \$2.8 MM in private investment
- \$300,000 in public (non-DCA) investment
- Redevelopment funds for Historic Warren County HIgh School

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